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Pauperism and Charities

The Almshouse: Construction and Management. By ALEXANDER JOHNSON. (New York: Charities Publication Committee. 1911. Pp. x, 263. \$1.25.)

In publishing this book, the Russell Sage Foundation gives a good example of one of the ways which it is following for the prevention of human ills, in the spread of intensely useful and needed information. The author, now general secretary of the National

Conference of Charities and Correction, was formerly a state inspector of almshouses and a superintendent of a notable institution for defectives. The book is small, readable, inexpensive. It should be in the hands of overseers, county supervisors, and superintendents of almshouses, large or small, the country over. Many matters of technique are given, such as easy varieties in diet; forms of records which are desirable; helpful ways of purchasing; details of store-keeping. There are touches from keen observation, such as the use of large piping for bath-tubs so as to allow many baths in a short time; the economy in repairs of having only standard sizes of window frames; understandings between superintendents and the committing officials, so that only the persons who ought to be inmates should be sent. There is treatment of the larger questions, whose importance every public official should feel, notably differentiation of needy persons between the almshouse and other kinds of aid; classification of inmates; occupation. The appendix of a hundred pages gives brief articles pertinent to the text, as on English and Danish institutions for the aged and infirm, imbeciles in almshouses, plans of buildings, record forms. There are several cuts of good houses.

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One Thousand Homeless Men: A Study of Original Records. By ALICE WILLARD SOLENBERGER. (New York: Charities Publication Committee. 1911. Pp. xxiv, 374. \$1.25.)

For several years, the secretary of the Central District of the Chicago Bureau of Charities which happened to be located in the heart of the lodging-house section, recorded accurate information about homeless men; and this volume, as the result of her work, bears eloquent testimony to the wealth of sociological material which the intelligent student may find in the files of any well-managed society for organizing charity. All observers of social conditions are familiar with the four more or less distinct groups into which the population of the cheap lodging-houses may be divided: (a) able-bodied men who work all or part of the year and are self-supporting; (b) men who are periodically or temporarily dependent,—often quite accidentally and through no desire of their own; (c) men who are confirmed dependents, such as the mentally, morally and physically inefficient; (d) those belonging to the class of beggars, criminals and tramps, who take the attitude that so-